

Computation of the Refund Amount

General

Charging Basis of 3-year Certificates

The refund amount, which shall not be more than \$2,000 and \$73 for a business and branch registration certificate respectively, is computed on a pro-rata basis by reference to the number of days of the certificate's overall validity period and that falls inside the year ending on 31 July 2010 (hereinafter referred as "2009-10 Validity Period"). In the case of a 3-year certificate, since the fee paid for each year is different (see Table), computation of the refund amount also has to take into account which period within the 3-year the 2009-10 Validity Period falls. [Other than the Exceptional Situation in Example 4 below]

| | Business Registration | Branch Registration |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| First Year Fee | \$2,000 | \$73 |
| Second Year Fee | \$1,600 | \$58 |
| Third Year Fee | \$1,600 | \$58 |
| Total | \$5,200 | \$189 |

Ceased business and/or branches which last held a registration certificate with an expiry date between 1.8.2009 and 31.7.2010

Example 1 (1-year certificate)

A business last held a 1-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2010 before its cessation.

Validity Period of the Certificate

365 days from 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2010

2009-10 Validity Period

243 days from 1.8.2009 to 31.3.2010

Registration Fee Paid

\$2,000

Refund Amount

$\$2,000 \times 243 \div 365 = \$1,332$

Example 2 (3-year certificate)

A business last held a 3-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.6.2007 to 31.5.2010 before its cessation.

Validity Period of the Certificate

366 days in the 1st year from 1.6.2007 to 31.5.2008

365 days in the 2nd year from 1.6.2008 to 31.5.2009

365 days in the 3rd year from 1.6.2009 to 31.5.2010

2009-10 Validity Period

304 days in the 3rd year from 1.8.2009 to 31.5.2010

Registration Fee Paid for the particular Year

\$1,600

Refund Amount

$\$1,600 \times 304 \div 365 = \$1,333$

Business and/or branches which hold a 3-year registration certificate with commencement date before 1 August 2009 and an expiry date on or after 31 July 2010

Example 3

A business holds a 3-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.1.2009 to 31.12.2011.

Validity Period of the Certificate

365 days in the 1st year from 1.1.2009 to 31.12.2009

365 days in the 2nd year from 1.1.2010 to 31.12.2010

365 days in the 3rd year from 1.1.2011 to 31.12.2011

2009-10 Validity Period

First Period:

153 days in the 1st year from 1.8.2009 to 31.12.2009

Second Period:

212 days in the 2nd year from 1.1.2010 to 31.7.2010

Registration Fee Paid

Nil for the 1st year because of the waiver of fee in 2008-09

\$1,600 for the 2nd year

Refund Amount

First Period: $\$0 \times 153 \div 365 = \0

Second Period: $\$1,600 \times 212 \div 365 = \930

Total: $\$0 + \$930 = \$930$

Exceptional Situation – First registration certificate of a branch of a business which holds a 3-year certificate

In order to fit in with the expiry date of the business registration certificate held by the main business, the validity period of the first registration certificate of a new branch of a business holding a 3-year certificate is usually less than 3 years. Therefore, the refund amount is only computed by reference to the actual validity period of the certificate and there is no need to take into account which period within the actual validity period the 2009-10 Validity Period falls.

Example 4

A branch of a business with a 3-year certificate has a first registration certificate with a validity period running from 1.1.2008 to 30.9.2010.

Validity Period of the Certificate

1,004 days from 1.1.2008 to 30.9.2010

2009-10 Validity Period

365 days from 1.8.2009 to 31.7.2010

Registration Fee Paid

\$189

Refund Amount

$\$189 \times 365 \div 1,004 = \69